

Cooperative Education Web Site Resources

The following resources may be useful for developing successful cooperative education experiences:

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov/bls/wages.htm>)

Access data through several different categories such as:

- Geographic area (national, regional, state, metropolitan area, or county data)
 - Industry (such as manufacturing or retail trade)
 - Occupation (such as teacher or carpenter)
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National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (<http://napequity.org/>)

The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) is a consortium of state and local agencies, corporations, and national organizations that collaborate to create equitable and diverse classrooms and workplaces where there are no barriers to opportunities.

This site provides direct linkages to resources available for the promotion of Gender Equity and Non-Traditional Occupations, as well as timely updates of legislation concerning technical education.

Business Quick Facts (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/50000.html>)

This site offers a glance at Vermont's economy in comparison to the National economy according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Youth and Labor (<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/youthlabor/index.htm>)

Child labor provisions under Fair Labor Standards Act are designed to protect the educational opportunities of youth and prohibit their employment in jobs that are detrimental to their health and safety. This site is crucial to the success of minors who are placed on worksites.

Youth Labor (<http://www.state.vt.us/labind/Wagehour/childlabor.htm>)

Vermont adopted comprehensive child labor rules in 2003 that largely coincide with federal rules. Still, in some instances, Vermont and federal requirements may differ; when applicable, the more stringent of the two requirements applies.

Student Apprenticeship (http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/pdfdoc/pgm_teched/programs/cooperative_education/wblm/apprenticeship.pdf)

This document offers the history of student apprenticeship in Vermont as well as what the program entails.

Insurance Liability (http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/pdfdoc/pgm_teched/programs/cooperative_education/wblm/liability.pdf)

In order to minimize the risks associated with participating in work-based learning activities, you will need to make sure that you have appropriate insurance coverage at your school. This document provides some direction on steps that you may follow to insure legal responsibility.

Discrimination (http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/pdfdoc/pgm_teched/programs/cooperative_education/wblm/non-discrimination.pdf)

Federal and state laws ban discrimination practices, including sexual harassment, in both public education programs and in employment situations. This document describes some laws established to protect students that are placed on worksites.

VOSHA (<http://www.labor.vermont.gov/sections/wcsafety/vosha/pubs/brochure.html>)

This site should answer most questions regarding VOSHA. It also offers opportunities to obtain technical support on specific concerns.

Career & Technical Education Rules
(<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/pdfdoc/board/rules/2370.pdf>)

View Vermont State Board of Education rules related to cooperative education (Rule 2385 is the work-based learning section).

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